

# *Behind the Badge*

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Police Department  
Celebrates its 70th  
Anniversary*

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1928 photo of Sheriff Eppa Kirby with the "Road Police" and Deputies on the steps of the jail circa 1885. Front Row (L to R): Sheriff Eppa Kirby, Officer Haywood Durrer, Officer John Millan, Mr. Darr (jailer). Back: Deputy Henry Magarity, Deputy Richard Wheeler, Officer Carl McIntosh.

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# From the Chief: History

*by Colonel Dave Rohrer*

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December 1, 1980 is a date I fondly remember as the day I embarked upon a new profession and a life's journey for which I will be forever appreciative. That is the day I was sworn in as a Fairfax County police officer (one was then sworn in and patrolled with an FTI for a month or so before beginning the Academy), and I hope that others have similarly fond memories. I encourage all to remember the feelings and excitement of those first days and, more importantly, the motivation that led each of us to choose a profession of service. It is perhaps too easy to forget as our years of service pass.

Policing is a profession that can reward one in so many ways – if one only chooses to remember and embrace that capacity. The men and women who serve, and those who have served before us, have each made a difference in our community and in the lives of so many whom they have touched. Our many fine civilian members and volunteers also make a difference every day, and rarely get the credit or appreciation they are due.

Today we are focused on fiscal challenges and the transition to I/LEADS, an evolution that is perhaps the most significant and complex, but needed, change we have ever undergone. We have also seen operational change with an ongoing focus on community- and intelligence-led policing models, crime analysis, repeat offenders, enhanced equipment, safety, and progressive training such as our recently completed PACOPS training.

Change and progress have long been hallmarks of our Department. So as we look to the future, let us also reflect on the past. Those who served before us built a department forged in excellence. We each have a responsibility to carry the torch forward and continue to enhance the legacy.

July 1, 1940 is the date we mark as our official beginning as an independent police department with an original staff of six. So on July 1 of this year we marked our 70th official anniversary.

However, the Department's roots actually began as a traffic enforcement unit in the 1920s when a small group of officers was established to handle the then perceived growing traffic problems in Fairfax County. They worked first under the Board of Supervisors and the County's Traffic Engineer, and, eventually, the County Sheriff.

As a community, department, and a profession we have since undergone significant change. For this history and much more, I'm excited about the recently released book detailing our Department's history from the early 1920s until 1990. Retired Second Lieutenant Dan Courtney and a wonderful team, including a core group of dedicated and proud retirees, have done extensive research, conducted a number of interviews of former and current members of the Department, and amassed a significant collection of photographs and other memorabilia.

From our humble beginnings, the Department has grown to protect and serve a still growing and increasingly diverse community. More importantly, there has been an ever-present commitment to the core values of excellence, professionalism, integrity, fairness, and dedication to protecting and serving our community.

But, our foundation has always been our men and women, to include our sworn, civilian, and volunteer members. The dedication is reflected today, as it has always been, in our performance and effectiveness, and it is this legacy we hope to honor and preserve with the recently released book.

Finally, we are blessed to serve a caring, supportive, and engaged community that has been integral to our achievements and the performance of our core mission. In many ways, this book is a reflection not only of our Department and its growth, but of our community and of the shared values and partnership which have greatly enhanced public safety in Fairfax County. Although this book is a reflection of the past, I believe it will serve to highlight and remind us of the foundation we've built for continued success and a safe future.

- Colonel David M. Rohrer



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# FCPD Celebrates Its 70th Anniversary

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## 1938 Re-Appointment



1938 photo of the re-appointment of the members of the Fairfax County Police Department (All 6 of them). In this 1938 photo, they were re-appointed for a term of 1 year beginning as of July 1, 1938. During this era, Officers were re-appointed yearly for the next term of service. Officers shown are Front Row (L to R): Haywood J. Durrer, Louis Finks, Murray Wells, and Carl McIntosh. Back Row: William Davies and James “Jim” Mahoney.



May 27, 2010 re-creation of the 1938 photo. Front Row (L to R) MPO K. Zalaskus, MPO R. Carlton, MPO R McEachin, PFC E. Azcarate. Back: MPO G. Price, PFC C. Burriss. The Photo was taken at the same spot as the 1938 era one, at the entrance to the 1929 addition to the County Courthouse with the original wrought-iron railings shown still in place.

## 1950s Police Headquarters



FCPD Traffic Division housed in the upper level of the 1936 old jail addition. Photo circa late 1950s.



Circa 1957 Police Communications located in Police HQ (jail-wing extension)



## 10600 Page Avenue



1960/61 construction of 10600 Page Avenue police headquarters. It opened in July 1961 and was considered a state of the art facility at the time.



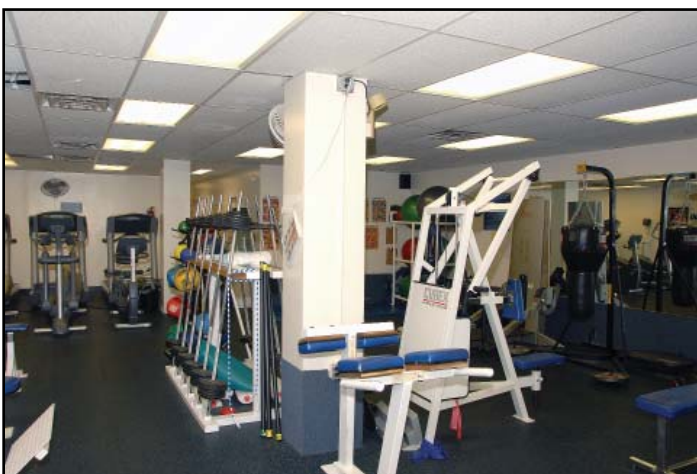
2009 aerial comparison of 10600 Page Avenue Annex (former police headquarters)



10600 Page Avenue police headquarters with the Massey Building being built, circa 1968.



## Emergency Operations Center - Massey Building



EOC as it is today, May 2010 – the fitness center located in the basement of the Massey Building.



July 25, 1961  
Washington Post  
Newspaper clipping  
saved by Chief Durrer  
on the opening of this  
facility.



Emergency Operations  
Center (EOC) in the  
basement of Massey  
circa 1970s. This was  
the Police and Fire  
Communication's  
Center.



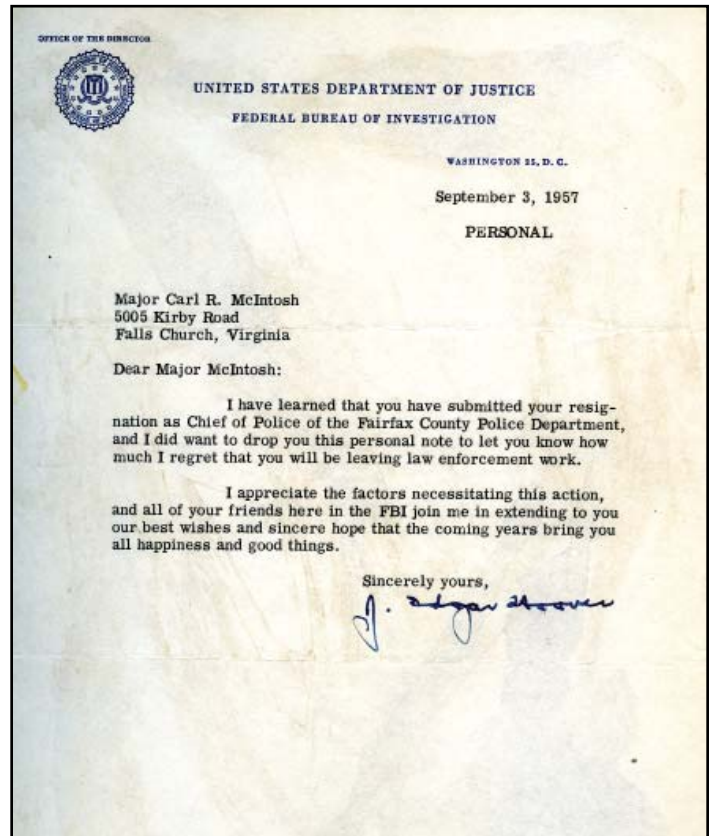
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## Court and Jail



September 1957 Retirement of Chief McIntosh at the 1800 Courthouse. This location was used by the Fairfax County Police Association to hold meetings at one time.



1957 letter from FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover to Carl McIntosh upon his retirement.

FORM P.D. 12-3M-8-44

COUNTY OF FAIRFAX, VIRGINIA  
POLICE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Oscar E. [illegible] Date 3-14 1945  
(Name of Defendant) you are hereby summoned to appear before  
the Trial Justice of Fairfax County at Fairfax, Virginia, on 3-17-45 at 10 o'clock, A.M.,  
to answer for Violating the Motor Vehicle Ordinance of Fairfax County, Virginia, to-wit:  
Excessive Speed 60 mi in 25 zone

Make of Car 40 Buick I hereby accept legal service of the above summons.  
Permit Number 5802 Offender [illegible]  
License Number 24759-5 Street [illegible]  
Arresting Officer [illegible] Address Vienna VA  
Badge Number #8

Failure to comply with this summons constitutes a separate offense.

Traffic ticket from 1945.



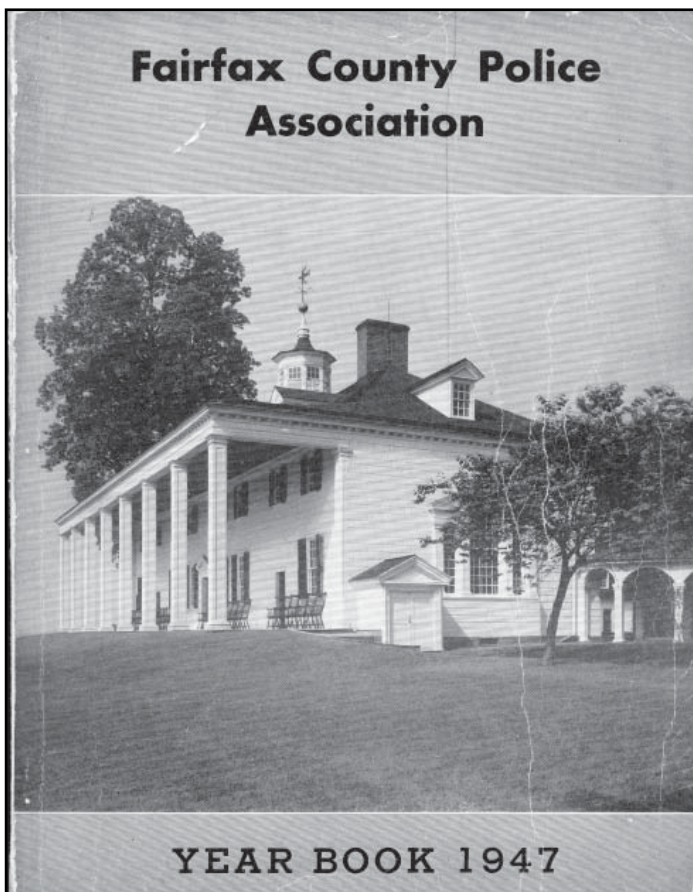
## Groveton Station



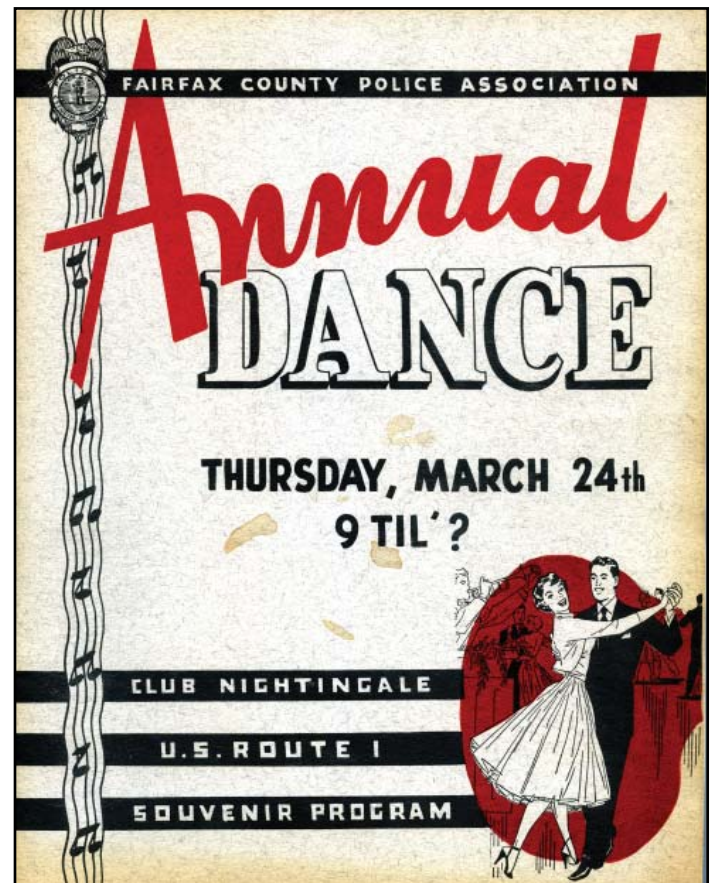
The Groveton Sub-Station was the FCPD's first expansion facility. It was located on North Kings Highway in the Alexandria area of Fairfax County. This sub-station opened in 1948 and served until the early 1980s. The photo is circa 1951.



In this October 1953 photo, at the entrance to the police sub-station are: Front (L to R) Lieutenant Utz, Captain Mahoney. Middle: Sergeant Dodson, Sergeant Durrer, Back: Sergeant Brown



1947 Fairfax County Police Association Yearbook.



1955 Fairfax County Police Association Annual Dance Program

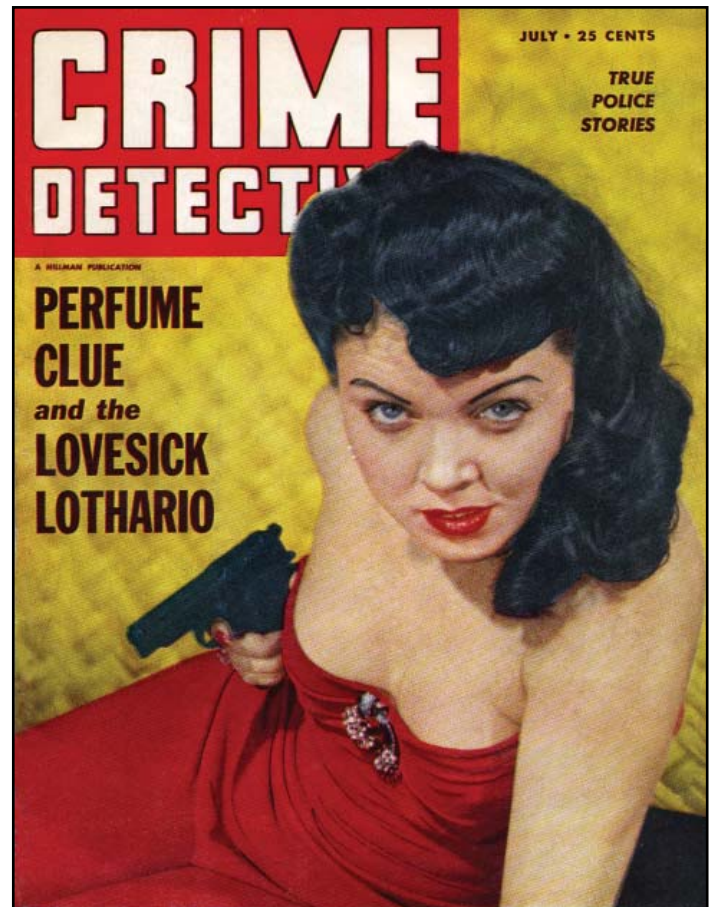


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## Holober Murder

The Holober Murder occurred in 1949 in a nudist camp called the Green Forest Club, located near what is now the “Reston South Park and Ride Lot” for commuters at Lawyers Road and Reston Parkway, and wooded area directly behind it. This homicide gained national attention, and was quickly solved by the FCPD, putting the Department in the national spotlight.



Above: “Crime Detective” pulp police magazine from July 1949 featuring a story on this homicide. Left: Article on the Crime.



General location of the event, 2010.



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# Chaplain's Corner

by Chaplains Al Minter (Ret.), David Pratt and Michael Shochet

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## 36 Years of Police Chaplains

The Police Chaplain program has been a part of the Fairfax County Police Department since 1974. That's when Rev. Franklin Gillis, who had been a volunteer chaplain with the Hampton (VA) Police was transferred to a church in Northern VA. He first asked the Captain of the McLean Station about taking on a chaplain. At the time, the Department called upon local clergy to assist them if there was a need for pastoral support. But the Captain had recently been approached by another area clergy member offering his services to "straighten out the police department." The Captain turned down Rev. Gillis's offer.

Fresh from his success as a Chaplain for the Hampton PD, Rev. Gillis asked his former chief to call Colonel Richard King, then Chief of the Fairfax County Police Department. The result was Col. King's permission to set up a trial chaplain program for several months and prove its value to the Department at the end of the trial.

The tragic death of the first FCPD officer to be killed in the line of duty, McLean Officer Karen Bassford, happened during the trial period of the chaplain program. Chaplain Gillis went with Department commanders to tell Officer Bassford's family of her death in a cruiser accident and continued to serve them for weeks to come. He spent many hours, days, and weeks helping Officer Bassford's squad and others on the Department deal with their grief. As a result, Chief King asked Chaplain Gillis to recruit a chaplain for every station in the Department.

Our chaplains have been serving ever since. The Industrial and Commercial Ministries association (ICM) also brought in new chaplains and trained them to help serve our agency. Each year the ICM sponsors a dinner to honor area chaplains which is attended by most of the command staff of the Department. In those early days the dinner was almost always organized by Tommy Bernal, of blessed memory, who was one of the Command Staff directors of the Chaplain Program. Others who have led the Chaplain program for the FCPD include Danna Libby, Robert Beach, Purvis Dawson, Tyrone Morrow and Bruce Ferguson.

Following the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, and the DC-area sniper events, the chaplain program took on a new role. It became an official part of the Command Staff and was moved to the Chief's office. Chaplains became part of

the International Conference of Police Chaplains and learned new skills specific to law enforcement. A command structure was also organized and Cantor Michael Shochet became the first Coordinator of the program. Rev. David Pratt, a retired Methodist chaplain who had served with the Department since 1993, became the Assistant Coordinator.

In 2009, the Chaplain program was moved to the Administrative Support Bureau and officially tied to the Incident Support Services program along with Peer Support, the Department psychologist, and the Employee Assistance Program.

The Chaplains unit now includes 12 volunteers, each serving a district or division within the FCPD. They are: Chaplains Michael Shochet (Coordinator, McLean), David Pratt (Asst. Coordinator, West Springfield), Harry Pilson (Mason), Carroll Baltimore (Headquarters), Ron Gripshover (at large), Wesley Peyton (Franconia), Jeri Fields (Mount Vernon), Doug Jones (Reston), Bob Selekman (Reston, OSB), Ike Hendershot (Fair Oaks, OSB), Phil Bishop (Franconia), and Duke Bendix (Sully).

Each chaplain volunteers personal time to the Department while also serving their church, synagogue, temple, or mosque congregations throughout the County. They are friends, confidants, counselors, and resources to the officers and civilian employees of the Department. Chaplains visit the stations, attend roll calls, ride along with officers, and go to incident scenes to assist officers working with the families of accident victims, suicides and other tragic events. They accompany officers to help deliver death notifications. Regardless of where they may be called upon to go, they are a spiritual presence to officers, their families, and victims experiencing crisis.

The chaplains contribute to the well-being of the Department and the community in ways that most never see or know. The chaplains of the Fairfax County Police Department are deeply dedicated people who deem it a privilege to serve and contribute their special talents.

**If you have story ideas, "Our Family Tree" photograph submissions, or would like to otherwise contribute, please email [behindthebadge@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:behindthebadge@fairfaxcounty.gov)**

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# VIPS Corner

by Donna Spiewak, Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) Program

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In lieu of the regular VIPS Column, I am proud to recognize the 2010 Volunteer Award Recipients for their accomplishments during 2008 and 2009. The awards ceremony was held on April 16, 2010 at the Fairfax County Government Center.

## Auxiliary Police Officer Program (APO)



### Auxiliary Police Officer of the Year

APO Robert Schultz, *Franconia District Station*

### Auxiliary Police Officer of the Year - Patrol

APO Alan Gonzalez, *Sully District Station*

### Auxiliary Police Officer of the Year - Crime Prevention

APO Tom Oliver, *Franconia District Station*

### Joyce McDermott Award - 2009

APO Peter Bockman, *Mason District Station*

### Most Hours Worked - 2008 (tied)

APO David Carlo and APO Alan Gonzalez

### Most Hours Worked - 2009

APO Alan Gonzalez

### Lifetime - 10,000 Service Hours or More - 2009

APO Jann Rough

### 1,000 Service Hours

APO Gregory Bonner, APO David Carlo (2008), APO Kenneth Cowan, APO Eugene Feinberg (posthumous),

APO Alan Gonzalez (2008), APO Forrest Houston, APO William Kennard, APO Rick Lopez (2008), APO Gerard Lorenz, APO Samuel Lowe, APO Richard Majauskas, APO Gordon McCallum, APO Rage Mohamud, APO Karen Sica, APO Jason Smith (2008), APO Matthew Strand, APO Curtis Velasquez, APO Eugene Vincent (2008)

### 7,500 Service Hours

APO William Gibson III

### 5,000 Service Hours

APO Donald Brodie, APO George Ludwig, Jr., APO Donald Schuler

### 2,500 Service Hours

APO Ronald Bertoia, APO Jay Butler, APO Laurian Cannon, APO Phillip Cogan, APO Chelton (Todd) Givens, APO Alan Gonzalez, APO Arthur Larson, Jr., APO Peter Long, APO James Thadius Palmer, APO Edwin Ridgway, APO Robert Schultz, APO Joe Vitale

### Silver Star Club - Honoring APOs with 25 Years or More of Service

APO Peter Bockman, APO E-C Buckminster, APO Benton DeGroot, APO Elwood Kirkman, APO Ruth Marler

## Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS)



### Volunteers in Police Service of Year

VIPS Gerald Kirwin, *Technical Services Bureau*



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### **Volunteers in Police Service of Year - Crime Prevention**

VIPS John Bauer, *West Springfield District Station*

### **Volunteers in Police Service of Year - Administration**

VIPS Marie-Jose Wessels, *West Springfield District Station*

### **Lifetime - 10,000 Service Hours or More - 2009**

VIPS Donna Spiewak

### **4,000 Service Hours**

VIPS John Bauer, VIPS Tracey Ryan

### **2,000 Service Hours**

VIPS Morton Berger, VIPS Hung Manh Nguyen, VIPS Aldo Scalzilli, VIPS Mary Weaver, VIPS George White

### **1,500 Service Hours**

VIPS Jane Barrett, VIPS Beverly Cherkis, VIPS Norman Cherkis, VIPS George Evans, VIPS Sondra Siemers, VIPS John Sherburne, VIPS Marie-Jose Wessels, VIPS Mary Weaver (2008)

### **1,000 Service Hours**

VIPS Daniel Cronin, VIPS Sue Hotto, VIPS Charlie Sell, VIPS Van Vanderwal, VIPS Marie-Jose Wessels (2008), VIPS George White (2008)

### **750 Service Hours**

VIPS Sandra Cauraugh, VIPS Ann Daniels, VIPS Glen Hosey, VIPS Candida Pisoni, VIPS James Radmore, VIPS John Werderman

### **500 Service Hours**

VIPS Ruth Bedell, VIPS Emily Bikofsky, VIPS Robert Bradford, VIPS Lisa Gables, VIPS Gerald Kirwin, VIPS Bryan Katz, VIPS Lisa Kennedy, VIPS Marty Long, VIPS Vic Pocaro, VIPS Maria Spetalnik, VIPS Robert Stein, VIPS Julie Stepp, VIPS Kenneth Strafer, VIPS Alton Summers, VIPS John Werderman (2008)

### **APO/VIPS of the Year - Training Child Car Seat Team**

APO Julie Ayotte, VIPS Charyn Bechtol, APO William Baird, VIPS Marlys Bernal, APO Kenneth Cowan, VIPS Sue Hotto, APO Richard Emard, VIPS Lisa Kennedy, APO Samuel Lowe, VIPS Christa Towns, VIPS John Werderman

### **Innovative Project Award - 2009**

#### **FCPD Canteen Team**

APO William Ridgeway, APO Fred Sanborn, APO Karen Sica, VIPS Stone Baggiano, VIPS William Barber, VIPS Robert Bradford, VIPS Kirk DeNee, VIPS Fran Hart, VIPS Gail Hollenbeck, VIPS Sue Hotto, VIPS Lisa Kennedy, VIPS Walter Lazear, VIPS Candida Pisoni, VIPS James Radmore, VIPS Tracey Ryan, VIPS John Sherburne, VIPS Burl Siemers, VIPS Maria Spetalnik, VIPS Julie Stepp, VIPS Christa Towns, VIPS Van Vanderwal, VIPS John Werderman, Members of the FCPD Citizens Police Academy Alumni

### **Commendations**

#### **Fair Oaks Station**

VIPS Gail Hollenbeck, APO John Nagel, APO Chelton (Todd) Givens

#### **Franconia District Station**

APO Curt Velasquez

#### **Mason District Station**

VIPS Robert Bradford, VIPS Hung Manh Nguyen, VIPS Candida Pisoni, VIPS Vic Pocaro, VIPS Charlie Sell, VIPS Mary Weaver

#### **Reston District Station**

VIPS Robert Stein

#### **West Springfield District Station**

VIPS George White

#### **Resources Management Bureau**

VIPS Sandra Cauraugh

#### **Victim Services Section**

VIPS Larry Bedell

#### **Animal Control**

APO Jann Rough

### **Points of Light Foundation -**

#### **President's Council on Service and Civic Participation Call to Service - Lifetime (4,000 Hours or More)**

VIPS John Bauer, VIPS Tracey Ryan, APO Charles Fields, APO Gary Gaal, APO Patricia Gallagher, APO George Ludwig, APO John Nagel, APO Keith Shaver, APO Stephen Smith, APO Daniel Wenger, APO Lawrence Wood

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# Civilian Corner - Victoria Monroe

by Lucy Caldwell

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## Fairfax Unleashed!

### Meet FCPD's Wildlife Biologist

Whether there's a skunk stuck in a stairwell or a bear on a back deck, the Fairfax County Police Department non-emergency lines handle calls every day about wildlife in neighborhoods. Wild animals live in our county and often show up in our back yards, leaving residents befuddled over what to do about them. These human-animal encounters are times when a wildlife biologist's expertise comes to the rescue.

Fairfax County created the position 12 years ago after a librarian en route to work one morning in McLean was killed in a collision with a deer. The original focus of the wildlife biologist position was to create a management plan to help deal with the overabundance of deer. Since that time, the position has become an invaluable resource for the public, as well as Animal Control Officers, who are faced with wildlife issues every day.

Victoria Monroe, 27, of Fairfax, joined the Fairfax County Police Department in June 2009 and so far, has enjoyed her duties as the wildlife biologist.

### When did you become interested in nature and wildlife?

I've been interested in animals my entire life. From my earliest memories, I knew that I was destined to work with them. I grew up surrounded by pets in our home: "Precious" our pot-bellied pig, dogs, cats, ducklings, goats, rabbits, gerbils, and others. I spent my summers as part of the "Zoo Crew" in Pueblo, Colorado where I worked in the petting barn with baby llamas, horses, camels, hooded chickens, penguins, mountain lions, bears, and many other species. I was also able to shadow the zookeepers and learned so much about animals and their personalities.

### What studies prepared you for your position as a wildlife biologist?

I majored in psychology, with an emphasis on animal behavior and psychology, at Colorado State University. I earned a Masters Degree at James Cook University in Australia where I conducted research on behavioral ecology. I also served as an animal welfare officer for the U.S. Humane Society and as an animal care coordinator for the non-profit agency, Living Classrooms DC.

### What is your most important goal in your new position?

Educating, empowering, and enabling residents with a better understanding of local wildlife are of key importance. I want to help the public understand that there are certain ways animals behave that are perfectly normal and that not all wild animals are threats to their health and safety. But, that said, there are many steps residents can take to rid their property of animals they may regard as nuisances. Many of these exclusion methods are not expensive or lethal to the animals and are sustainable in the long term.



FCPD Wildlife Biologist Victoria Monroe

### Have you had any interesting calls or assignments so far?

Yes! A homeowner called and asked me how to handle a woodpecker that was pecking holes in the roof and another caller wanted advice on how to carefully observe a nest of baby owlets in their yard. I've also been very fortunate to join a group of committed professionals who are working hard to preserve the delicate balance between animals and people in neighborhoods across Fairfax County. We've held a well-attended public meeting on Lyme disease where I worked closely with members of the Board of Supervisors, other county agencies, and the non-profit community. I don't expect that any two days will be alike and I hope officers will feel free to contact me at 703-324-0240 if I can be of service to them.



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# Retiree Corner

by Captain Dan Kriss (Ret.)

My career with the FCPD began in October of 1956. At the time I applied with the Department, I was a member of the Metropolitan Police Department in Washington, DC, having served there for 6 ½ years. During my time with the MPDC, I served in the First Precinct as a foot patrol officer and later as a member of a two man scout car team.

My first experience with the FCPD occurred sometime in 1953-54 when I met several FCPD officers at some sort of event at the National Memorial Park on Lee Highway in Falls Church where I lived. However, it was not until another occasion when I met FCPD motorcycle officer “Rabbit” Dailey and another motorcycle officer in the Wilson Shopping Center one day that I decided to inquire about the Department at headquarters in Fairfax. I drove out to Fairfax one evening and had an interview with Sgt. Lance Greer. I was very impressed with what I came to know about the FCPD and decided to submit an application. I recall only a few of the members of the oral review board and they were Chief McIntosh, Capt. Durrer, Capt. Mahoney, Lt. Shumate, and, I believe, Lt. Wells. Capt. Durrer noted that my broad police experience was more than most FCPD officers had and he wanted to know how that might affect my relations with FCPD officers of less experience. My reply was that I would keep my eyes and ears open and my mouth shut unless I was asking a question and that I would not constantly refer to my past experience with MPDC. I recall Capt. Durrer’s response was, “If you do that, you’re not going to have any problem being accepted by the officers you will be working with.”

Upon my appointment to the FCPD, I was assigned to Headquarters Patrol. I got along very well with the officers I worked with, making every effort to not mention my experience in DC unless I was asked about it. They were most helpful in instructing and guiding me about the many facets of how the FCPD worked. Those who were most helpful to me were Douglas Dunn, Al Perkins, Joe Blamer, Donald Hurst, and Roland “Peewee” Heath. I had a closer relationship with Doug since we were both veterans of military service. He had served in the Korean War and I had served in the Navy in the Pacific during WWII. Also, I was fortunate to have worked for two of the Department’s best sergeants, Elbe Auterback and “Granny” Holowell.

I worked Area 5 almost 100% of the time, which was mostly rural and semi-rural. I think Area 5 was the largest of the six areas of the County in the 1950’s. It was the area bounded by Rt. 7, Rt. 123, and the Loudoun/Prince William County lines. It wasn’t a very busy area and I didn’t make or break any



Officer Dan Kriss with the FCPD – Fall/Winter 1956

arrest records. Most of the tickets I issued were for reckless driving, speed in excess of 75 mph and DWI. Violators were taken before a Justice of the Peace to post bond and then had to appear in court. Two cases I worked were unusual, a train derailment in the Town of Clifton and a small airplane crash in a field in Centreville. However, one case that I worked had an interesting ending. It involved a burglary of a jewelry store in the Town of Herndon that happened around 3:00 a.m. The suspects were reported to be in a 1957 black and yellow Chevrolet headed out of town on Rt. 606 toward Rt. 7. I was in the Tysons Corner area when I received the call and reasoning that the suspects would go either east or west on Rt. 7. I decided to position myself to intercept them if they came east. This turned out to be the right decision and I was able to intercept the suspects and make two arrests with the assistance of a Town of Vienna officer and recover the stolen property. The interesting part of the case was that I was working the 12-8 shift of the last day of my probationary year with the FCPD and when I got off duty in the morning

I had to meet with Capt. Durrer for an interview regarding the completion of my probationary year. I was approved for permanent employment and I appreciated being commended by Capt. Durrer for my actions in intercepting and arresting the two burglary suspects.

In 1962, Col. Durrer asked me if I would be interested in transferring to the Criminal Investigations Division. I replied that I was not and explained further that I had a compelling sense that I could serve the Department best in the training of police officers. Col. Durrer said there was no officially designated position as a training officer but if and when there was, I would be given consideration for that assignment.

In 1963, Lt. Gene Columbus who, among his other duties, was responsible for the task of training officers but for almost 100% of his working time he was dedicated to the development of the new, forthcoming management concept of data processing. To my surprise, he called me in to his office one day and asked me if I wanted to be the Department's training officer. I knew this was an important time in my career with the FCPD but my answer, of course, was "yes," this is what I had been waiting for. However, the problem was that I was not prepared to take on this assignment. I thought I would begin as his assistant but that wasn't what occurred yet I vowed to make the best of it. I had no way to know that it would be the beginning of one of the most rewarding experiences in my career with the FCPD. In 1964, I completed a course for training officers at the Southern Police Institute which prepared me well for the job. I had immense expectations of the position and I'm pleased to say that almost 100% of them were fulfilled. Some of them included participating in the creation of the Northern Virginia Police Academy, serving as Director of the Central Police Training School at the Virginia State Police Academy, and serving as a member of the committee tasked with establishing a mandatory minimum 240 hours of basic training for all Virginia law enforcement officers at the request of the Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police (this committee included members of the FBI, VSP, and VACP).

Another unique assignment I received was from Col. Durrer in 1968. The Sheriff of Prince William County requested our Department's assistance in conducting a study of police needed in his county to make appropriate recommendations to the PWC Board of Supervisors as to what action the Board should consider whether or not to form a county police department. This was an immensely challenging assignment because the study was comprehensive, all-inclusive, and required extensive research. That October, Col. Durrer and

I presented the study to the Prince William County Board of Supervisors and our recommendation to form a county police department was approved.

In 1970, I was promoted to the rank of Captain and during the years that followed I served as Staff Assistant to the Chief of Police (Col. Durrer) and was responsible for Community Relations, News Media Relations, Internal Affairs and Inspections. In 1972, I was assigned as Commander of the McLean District Station and served in that assignment until 1974 when I was transferred to the Chantilly District Station, replacing Capt. Ron Watts as Commander.

In 1976, Col. King informed me that Fairfax County supervisor Martha Pennino wanted our Department to establish a district police station in Reston and he directed me to assume the responsibility of planning for just that facility. I, in turn, assigned this task to Lt. Kelly Coffelt, who planned every phase of the new station. His design for the new station was very practical and it achieved the best layout of the allotted space. In May 1976, Col. King assigned me to command the new Reston District Station and Lt. Coffelt as Assistant Station Commander. I continued in that assignment until June 1979 when I retired from the FCPD.

A large measure of my career success with the FCPD was the result of the excellent service by members of my commands. I continue to express myself thusly, that I was blessed with hardworking officers who performed their police duties with proficiency and unending dedication.

*Captain Dan Kriss served with the FCPD from 1956 until he retired in 1979. He wrote this article about his tenure with the Department, and I would like to add a little bit more information about his service to not only the citizens of the County, but his service to the nation during WWII. Dan joined the Navy in December 1942, at the age of 14. He served on the USS Chauncey – DD667, which was a Fletcher Class Destroyer. He saw almost every major combat action in the Pacific from October 1943 forward until the end of WWII. His story is published in a book titled "America's Youngest Warriors," by Ray and Susan Jackson, which showcases many of America's youngest combat veterans' stories. Included with this article are a few photos Dan shared of his tenure both with the FCPD and the Navy during WWII.*

*- 2nd Lieutenant Dan Courtney (Ret.)*



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## Excerpts from Dan Kriss' War Service Account

“...As with most combat veterans, I have many memories of my service in the Pacific during the war. These include almost daily air attacks on our ships, the many torpedoes we had to dodge, and the nightmare of radar picket duty off Okinawa and Japan. My most memorable experience occurred in the closing months of the war. During one kamikaze attack, a Japanese twin-engine “Frances” bomber attempted to crash-dive into our ship. It appeared that the pilot would succeed, but only seconds before he would have hit our ship, we ‘splashed’ (shot down) the aircraft. Had he succeeded in crashing into us, the point of impact would have been very close to my battle station. Most certainly my shipmates and I would have been killed. . .”

“...I served aboard the Chauncey from the time of her commissioning in May 1943 until January 1946, when I left her at San Pedro, California. I served for three years in the Navy, with all but about five months of that time in the Pacific. On 20 January 1946, at the age of 17 years and 11 months, I was discharged. I didn't tell anyone my true age while I was in the Navy, not even my best friend. When I arrived home, I went to register for the draft as I had been told to do when I was discharged. This time I told them my true age. The clerk just laughed and told me to come back when I was 18. . .”



Dan Kriss in the United States Navy c. 1943



Seaman 1st Class Dan Kriss (wearing Combat Helmet – 2nd from right) off the coast of Japan on the USS Chauncey during WWII.



USS Chauncey – DD667



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# In Memory

## **Sergeant Gerald R. Crosby (Ret.)**

Date of Passing: January 8, 2010

Gerald R. Crosby was born August 8, 1938, in Washington, D.C. Jerry joined the Fairfax County Police Department in February 1970 and was assigned to the Patrol Division. His assignments included the Groveton, Franconia and West Springfield District Stations and the Emergency Operations Center. Jerry was promoted to Corporal in January 1976 and to Sergeant in January 1980. He retired on a service connected disability in July 1990. After retirement, Jerry served Stafford County in a volunteer capacity on the Fire Commission Board and most recently on the Stafford County Towing Advisory Board with both state and local law enforcement.

Jerry is survived by his wife, Faye, two children and three stepsons.

## **Master Police Officer Donald R. Ingerski (Ret.)**

Date of Passing: March 31, 2010

Donald R. Ingerski was born June 2, 1952 in Decatur, Illinois. Before joining Fairfax County Don was a police officer in Ocean City, MD. Donald joined the Fairfax County Police Department in August 1974, and was assigned to the Patrol Division. His assignments included the Franconia District Station and the Motor Division. Don was promoted to MPO in July 1989. Don retired in March 1995.

In 1997 and 1998 Don worked for OMNISEC International as a contract background investigator. For a short time he worked as a safety and security assistant at the McLean High School. In 1999, Don was hired by the Loudoun County Schools as a safety and security

specialist and was assigned to Broad Run High School where he retired in 2009.

Don enjoyed riding his Harley every day and he loved making his award winning "Motor Squad Heat Chili."

Don is survived by his wife, Tina, three children, one grandchild and his faithful companion, Major, a three year old Lab rescue dog.

## **Sergeant Richard T. Williams (Ret.)**

Date of Passing: May 8, 2010

Richard T. 'Reds' Williams was born December 25, 1930, in Washington, D.C. Reds grew up in Oakton and was a lifelong resident of Fairfax County. He served in the United States Navy aboard the USS Toledo during the Korean War. Richard was the 50th officer sworn into the Fairfax County Police Department July 1, 1954. His assignments included the Groveton, Annandale, McLean and Chantilly District Stations. Richard was promoted to Corporal in May 1965 and to Sergeant in May 1966. He retired in August 1974. Richard was a past president of the Fairfax County Police Association.



Richard enjoyed coaching youth sports teams, thoroughbred racing spending time at the track and hunting and fishing. He was a devout Washington Redskins and University of Alabama fan.

Reds beloved wife, Malinda, predeceased him. He is survived by four children and three grandchildren.

## K9 Molly

On May 7, 2010, K9 Molly was laid to rest at the Village Veterinary Clinic in Burke. Molly was a founding member of the Fairfax County Police Department's Bloodhound Program. She started in 2002 when she and her brother Charger were purchased from a breeder in Canada.

Bloodhound Molly was known for her determination in tracking and her docile demeanor. She was instrumental in finding many missing persons, saving a life, and in assisting in the investigation and prosecution of numerous criminals for burglary, sexual assaults and murders. Her work has been accepted four times in Fairfax County Circuit Court, with at least one case pending. She enjoyed her work and represented the Fairfax County Police Department, as well as the National Bloodhound Training Institute (NBTI) well. She helped train many other tracking dogs here locally as well as across the United States. She did an excellent job in getting her replacement, Bloodhound Cody started in her career and as a result, her legacy will live on for many years to come.

Bloodhound Molly will be deeply missed by many.

## K9 Diesel

On May 10, 2010, Retired K9 Diesel passed away. Diesel was the partner of MPO J.J. Greeves. The two spent many a night chasing and apprehending the bad guys in Fairfax County. Diesel was a loyal partner, excellent cop, and good friend to J.J. The pair was known for their motto, "We own the night."



## K9 Toby

On June 1, 2010, K9 Toby passed away. Toby was MPO John Brocco's third dog and worked the streets of Fairfax County for nine years. Toby had a distinguished career and was the first dog in Fairfax to be awarded the Bronze Medal of Valor.

Toby enjoyed 3 ½ years of retirement, but old age caught up to him. Toby was 13 years and 4 months of age at the time of his passing.



## K9 Titan

K9 Titan did not retire when John Brocco did. When John left in January 2010 Titan was donated to the Herndon Police Department and continued working. In mid-April, Titan became ill and was diagnosed with a tumor on the heart. He had to be put to sleep on April 23

Many knew Titan as the big, loveable, goof ball dog that he was. Titan was also a very hard working police dog with numerous apprehensions behind him. Both his previous handler and his new handler were obviously upset as Titan had never been sick and was not very old. He was expected to have several more years of work with Herndon. The department's sympathy goes out to both of them.





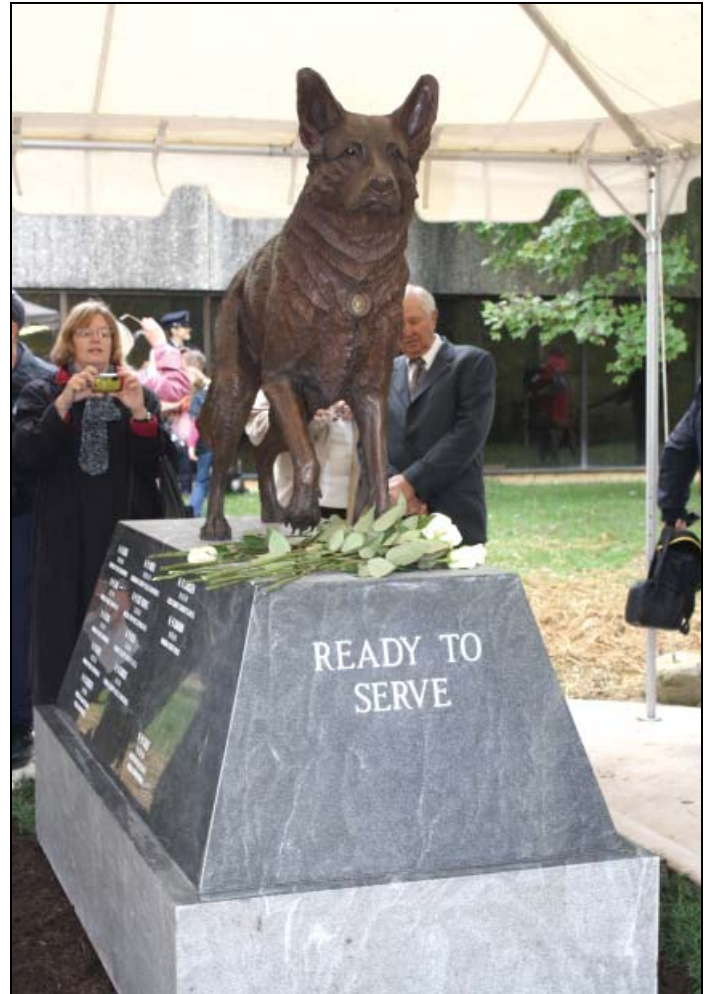
# Canine Memorial Dedication

Blacksburg, Virginia

Members of the Fairfax County Police Department's Canine Section attended the Virginia Law Enforcement K-9 Memorial dedication on the grounds of the Virginia-Maryland Regional School of Veterinary Medicine at Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA, on October 16, 2009. The names of police dogs that died in the line of duty from 1962 through 2008 were engraved on the new memorial. The words "So that you may live, my life is yours" are engraved on the walkway in front of the sculpture.

The FCPD officers attended to honor K-9 Bandit who was shot and killed in the line of duty while assisting his partner, Officer Tom Daines, on August 5, 1975. Bandit is believed to have been the second canine to be killed in the line of duty in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Virginia Law Enforcement K-9 Memorial sculpture during the dedication ceremony.



Fairfax County K-9 Bandit's name engraved on the memorial sculpture.



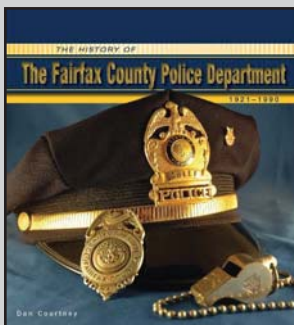


Virginia Law Enforcement K-9 Memorial sculpture during the dedication ceremony. The names of police dogs that died in the line of duty from 1962 through 2008 were engraved on the new memorial.

### *I am a Working Dog*

*My eyes are your eyes, to watch you and to protect you and yours,  
My ears are your ears, to hear and detect evil minds in the dark,  
My nose is your nose, to scent the invader of your domain,  
And so you may live, my life is also yours.*

*- Cicero*



### **History of the Fairfax County Police Department: 1921-1990**

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